(b) if so, whether Government would consider publishing a catalogue of such rare works with brief explanatory note?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Mirza Ghalib's poems on Charles Metcalfe and Lord Auckland are available in the National Archives of India. The National Archives of India does not have Henry Parker's translation of Sadi, Meer and Hafiz Extracts from the works of Sadi, Khusro and other eminent Literary personalities are, however, available with their translations.

All these literary material are open for consultation and use by scholars. In fact an exclusive exhibtion on the works of Ghalib was inaugurated by Prof. V.K.R.V. Rao, the then Minister of Education on 24th February, 1969.

(b) The National Archives of India have already published catalogue of works of Fort William collection. The catalogue consist of about 200 very rare and important manuscripts. The National Archives of have also published a catalogue of acquired manuscripts obtained by way of donation or purchase through Historical Document Purchase Committee. The letters and poems of Ghalib, available in the National Archives of India from the year 1806 to 1861 are included in the series of Public Records and as such no separate catalogue has been published. Catalogue and indices on Public Records are, however, available in the National Archives of India.

Train between Calcutta and Bangladesh

2707. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to introduce a train between Calcutta and Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Licenced porters at Nagpur junction

2708. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of licenced porters operating at Nagpur junction in Maharashtra; and

(b) what welfare measures Government have introduced for these porters particularly for those who have become old?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) 274 Licensed Porters are operating at Nagpur Junction in Maharashtra.

(b) The main facilities which are provided to the licensed porter include medical facilities for self, spouse & dependant children, issue of complementary pass once a year for self, admission of children to the railway school if the seat is available, issue of uniforms, resting facility at the station, etc. Besides, the facility of transfer of badge to the near relative of the porter is also available in case of old age, infirmity or illness incapacitating him for work.

रेल मार्गों की व्यवहार्यता

2709. श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:
श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में लगभग 120 रेल मार्ग अलाभकारी हैं और उनसे रेलवे को गत वर्ष लगभग 244 करोड़ रुपए की हानि हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं;